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Serial No.: 09/941,252

: International Business

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Machines Corporation

Title: System and Method for Anonymous

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The Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants would like to know the status of their above-referenced application. The date stated in the response to our first inquiry has already passed. A second inquiry was sent on January 15, 2004, and has gone unanswered. Your prompt response to this status inquiry is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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